**First Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As we begin our Lenten journey, we turn in prayer to God our Father asking for his help as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection at Easter.

1. For the Church: that this period of prayer and fasting will prepare us to enter the new life of Christ at Easter. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who are preparing to be baptised at Easter: may they be filled with grace and truth as they come to love the Lord Jesus in the scriptures and the breaking of bread. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for our parish family this Lent; may we renew our covenant with God through sacrifice, reconciliation, and prayer. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For engaged couples preparing for marriage; may their love for one another reflect the enduring love of Christ for His Church. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For a spirit of self-denial as we begin our Lenten journey; may we be content with less so that others may have more. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who are suffering from illness and old age; bless them with gentle caregivers to support them and ease their pain. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died; grant them the fullness of life with the saints in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Father, your Son was tempted in every way that we are but did not sin. Grant us the grace and strength we need to reject sin and to serve you with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.